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Dear Mr. Dudas:

I am writing today to thank you and your office for your decision to accept the criteria put forward by the American Anti-Vivisection Society to reject the patent on rabbits, Patent No. 6,924,413. It was a sensible and enlightened, as well as compassionate, decision. I hope that in the future I will also hear the news that your office has decided to no longer issue patents on any animals, but for the time being I am extremely pleased that some animals will be spared unnecessary suffering. Again, thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Diane Hewitt